

# Foreign qualification assessment

The extract indicates what a foreign qualification is comparable to in the Swedish qualification system. The information can be used when applying for a job or planning for further studies. Decisions regarding employment, admission or formal professional recognition are made by the employer, education provider or competent authority.

## Qualification from Switzerland



**Degree of Master of Advanced Studies (MAS)**

## Swedish comparison



**Ett års studier på avancerad nivå**

One year of study, second cycle

## About the qualification comparison

UHR's assessment reflects the number of years to which the foreign qualification is comparable at a particular level of higher education in Sweden, since the foreign qualification has no direct comparison among Swedish degrees.

The second cycle represents the second level in a three-part European structure for higher education (Bologna level 2). The figure below shows qualifications at this level.

This assessment is provided as guidance by UHR. It is based on our knowledge of the country's education system and not on the individual's education documents. UHR applies the principles of the international recognition convention Lisbon Recognition Convention and assumes the foreign qualification is recognised in the country of study.

Find out more about [higher education in Sweden and the admission process at Universityadmissions.se](https://www.universityadmissions.se/higher-education-in-sweden-and-the-admission-process)

## About the Swedish Council for Higher Education

The Swedish Council for Higher Education (UHR) is Sweden's ENIC-NARIC centre. We have a national task to inform about and evaluate foreign education.

Go to the Qualifications Assessment Tool: [www.uhr.se/en/start/recognition-of-foreign-qualifications/qualifications-assessment-tool/switzerland/degree-of-master-of-advanced-studies-mas-3863/](https://www.uhr.se/en/start/recognition-of-foreign-qualifications/qualifications-assessment-tool/switzerland/degree-of-master-of-advanced-studies-mas-3863/).

## To employers

This extract should be used together with an individual's education documents. If you as an employer have questions about foreign education or a job applicant's education documents, you are welcome to contact UHR. E-mail: utbildningsbedomning@uhr.se

## Facts about Degree of Master of Advanced Studies (MAS)

<b>Duration</b>	1 - 2 years
<b>ECTS</b>	60 - 120 credits
<b>Information about the qualification</b>	The qualification belongs to the further education sector. A previous degree is necessary for access to the programme. The degree doesn't give access to doctoral-level programmes in Switzerland.
<b>National Qualifications Framework (NQF)</b>	<a href="#">Qualifications Framework for the Higher Education Area (nqf.ch-HS)</a>  Nqf.ch-HS is the qualification framework for higher education and consists of 3 levels (Stufe 1- Stufe 3).
<b>NQF level</b>	Stufe 2 (nqf.ch-HS)
<b>EQF level</b>	7
<b>Bologna level</b>	2
<b>Recognised higher education institutions</b>	<a href="#">Swiss Universities/ENIC Switzerland - Only the institutions that are included in the list are recognised higher education institutions in Switzerland.</a>  The Swiss higher education sector is divided between research universities and universities of applied sciences. A transition between higher education sectors often requires supplementary studies.  Please note the country can have additional recognised education institutions.

## The level of Swedish qualifications and degrees

Swedish degrees and final grades are placed within reference frameworks that show different levels of learning outcomes. In the figure, the Swedish reference framework SeQF is shown as well as the European reference frameworks that facilitate comparison to other countries. Please note the figure does not contain all Swedish qualifications.



## What do the abbreviations mean?

-  SeQF – The Swedish National Qualifications Framework
-  EQF – European Qualifications Framework
-  Bologna Framework – Qualifications Framework for the European Higher Education Area (QF- EHEA)